

# LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

## Code Enforcement Funding Goals Resolution

August 10, 2006

### **Summary: To set goals for the usage of Code Enforcement funding provided in the Road Home Housing Program Action Plan Amendment**

Whereas, local governments in the most severely affected parishes have limited financial resources to provide for the staffing necessary to establish the new statewide building code in conjunction with the implementation of the Road Home Housing Program;

Whereas, the new statewide building code is a critical component to the LRA's goal to rebuild safer, stronger, and smarter;

Whereas, the state's newly established Uniform Construction Code Council (UCCC) has the responsibility to implement the new statewide building code throughout Louisiana in a manner that enables its success and meets the timetable for enactment of the new law on January 1, 2007;

Whereas, the LRA shares in the responsibility of the UCCC to see that the new statewide building code can be adopted in a timely manner around the state and in a way that parishes and local governments can readily manage;

Whereas, regional code enforcement officials can provide efficiencies that individual parishes may benefit from and can simplify and streamline development efforts;

Whereas, training will be necessary for the existing code enforcement officials throughout the affected parishes and the state in order to respond adequately to the demands of the new building code;

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LRA hereby endorses guidelines for the code enforcement funds provided through the Road Home Housing Program Action Plan Amendment No. 1.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LRA supports that the code enforcement funds be directed to achieve four program goals:*

- 1. Funding to support the operating capacity shortfalls of most severely impacted parishes for code enforcement activities, especially in areas where this capacity could limit the ability of homeowners and businesses to get permits;*
- 2. Support the Efforts of the Uniform Construction Code Council to implement the new state building code through regional code compliance offices;*
- 3. Training for code enforcement officials; and*
- 4. Assist the State Fire Marshall's office to adapt to new needs caused by the new statewide building code.*